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SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S ANSWER

Pursuant to the Remand under 37 CFR 1.193(b)(1) by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 17, 2004, a supplemental Examiner's Answer is set forth below:

No changes are made to sections (0) through (8) or to sections (10) and (11) of the Examiner's Answer mailed June 10, 2004.

Section (9) is amended to list the reference applied in combination against claims 8 and 16.

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(9) Prior Art of Record

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(12) Conclusion

For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,


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